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ABSTRACT

This material, developed from current State Department of Education Certification Bulletins, is presented in a manner which makes it possible to gain significant information concerning certification requiremtnts for guidance counselors in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The format of the tables provides both general information as well as specific, peculiar data concerning each state's requirements. Comparisons among states are readily determinable. The final tables list, by both the number and percent those states which: (1) require recommendations from degree-granting institutions; (2) require some years of teaching experience; (3) allow other work experience; (4) require degrees; and (5) require a certain number of hours in guidance. The information is seen as useful in evaluating trends in counselor preparation and certification. (Author/TL)

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REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION AS A GUIDANCE COUNSELOR IN THE

STATE	Recommended or Optional	Type of Teaching Cert. Needed	Degree Required	Years Teaching Experience Needed	Years Work Experience Other than Education	Number of Credit Hours in Guidance	Supervised Guidance Experience	AREA I Guidance, Counseling, & Testing	A
Alabama #		STC[1]	Master's	2	-	Major in[2] Guidance (18)	-	A1,B3,C3, D1,F1,G3	
Alaska		STC	Bachelor's	2	1	Major in Guidance (24)	-	A1-2,B4, C1,D1,E, F1,G2	
Arizona	x	STC	Master's	3	2	Major in Guidance (21)	-	A1,B3-5, C1,D1, E,F3	
Ark.		6 yr.sec. STC	Master's	2	1	15	-	A1,B4,C2, D1,F1	
Calif.		STC	Master's in Guidance	-	-	Major in[3] Guidance (21)	480 or 240 Hrs. + 3 yrs. tea.	A1,B3-4,C4, D1,F3,G6	
Colorado		STC	Master's	3	-	Major in Guidance (18)	-	A1,B3-4, C1,D1,E	
Conn.	x	STC	Master's in Guidance	3	1	Major in Guidance (18)	-	A1,B3-4, C3,D1,F1	
Delaware	x	STC	Bachelor's	3	-	12	1 yr.	A1,B5, D1,C1	
Dist. of# Columbia		STC	Master's in Guidance	3	-	9	Select →	B3,D1,F1,E G6,Ed. I 9 hrs.	
Florida		STC	Master's	3	-	Major in Guidance (21)	-	B4,D1,E, F1,G3-4	

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Hours In Guidance	Supervised Guidance Experience	REQUIRED				
		AREA I	AREA II	AREA III	AREA IV	AREA V
		Guidance, Counseling, & Testing	Psychology	Sociological Foundations	Education	Others
r in[2] ance (18)	-	A1,B3,C3, D1,F1,G3	-	-	-	-
r in ance (24)	-	A1-2,B4, C1,D1,E, F1,G2	-	-	-	-
r in ance (21)	-	A1,B3-5, C1,D1, E,F3	1	3	1	-
5	-	A1,B4,C2, D1,F1	-	-	-	-
r in[3] ance (21)	480 or 240 Hrs. + 3 yrs. tea.	A1,B3-4,C4, D1,F3,G6	15	-	1-10	-
r in ance (18)	-	A1,B3-4, C1,D1,E	-	-	-	-
r in ance (18)	-	A1,B3-4, C3,D1,F1	-	-	-	-
2	1 yr.	A1,B5, D1,C1	-	-	-	-
9	Select →	B3,D1,F1,E G6,Ed. I 9 hrs.	1b,3,4, 5,9 9 hrs.	3,7,8,9 6 hrs.	-	-
r in ance (21)	-	B4,D1,E, F1,G3-4	4	-	-	-

STATE	Recommended Or Optional	Type of Teaching Cert. Needed	Degree Required	Years Teaching Experience Needed	Years Work Experience Other than Education	Number of Credit Hours in Guidance	Supervised Guidance Experience	AREA I Guidance, Counseling, & Testing	AREA Psych	R
Georgia	x	STC	Master's	2	1	Major in Guidance (18)	1 yr.	A1,B4,C1, D1,F1,G3	2	Ma Gu
Hawaii		STC	Master's	3	-	Major in Guidance (21)	-	A1,B4,D1, E,F1, G2-3	5	Ma Gu
Idaho	x	STC	Master's	2	-	Major in Guidance (21)	-	A1,B2-4,C1 D1,E,F1	-	Ma Gu
Illinois #		STC	Master's	1	-	Major in Guidance (24)	1 yr.	A1-2,B4, C1,D1,E, F1[4]	5	Ma Gu
Indiana	x	STC	Master's	-	-	Major in Guidance (18)	-	B4,C1,D1, E,F1,G2	-	Ma Gu
Iowa	x	STC	Master's	2	-	15	-	A1,B4,C1, D1,F1	-	
Kansas	x	STC	Master's	2	1	Major in Guidance (18)	-	A1-4,B4, C1,D1,E	-	Ma Gu
Kentucky		STC	Master's in Guidance	3 or 2 plus	1	Major in Guidance (18)	-	A1,B2-3,C1, D1,E	-	Ma Gu
Louisiana		STC	Master's	3	-	15	-	A1,B4,C1, D1,F1	-	
Maine		STC	Master's	2	1	Major in Guidance (18)	-	A1,B3-4, C1,D1,E	-	Ma Gu
Maryland #		STC	Master's in Guidance	2	-	Major in Guidance (18)	-	A1,B4,C4, D1,F1,D2	5	Ma Gu

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ajor in uidance (18)	1 yr.	A1,B4,C1, D1,F1,G3	2	-	1	-
ajor in uidance (21)	-	A1,B4,D1, E,F1, G2-3	5	3	-	2
ajor in uidance (21)	-	A1,B2-4,C1 D1,E,F1	-	-	-	-
ajor in uidance (24)	1 yr.	A1-2,B4, C1,D1,E, F1[4]	5	-	-	2
ajor in uidance (18)	-	B4,C1,D1, E,F1,G2	-	-	-	-
15	-	A1,B4,C1, D1,F1	-	-	-	-
ajor in uidance (18)	-	A1-4,B4, C1,D1,E	-	-	-	-
ajor in uidance (18)	-	A1,B2-3,C1, D1,E	-	-	-	-
15	-	A1,B4,C1, D1,F1	-	-	-	-
ajor in uidance (18)	-	A1,B3-4, C1,D1,E	-	-	-	-
Major in Guidance (18)	-	A1,B4,C4, D1,F1,D2	5	-	6a	2-4[5]

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Mass. #		STC	Bachelor's	-	-	18	-	B4,2 course C1-3,D1,G2
Michigan #		STC	Bachelor's	-	-	12	-	A1,B4,C1, D2
Minn. #	x	STC	Master's	1	1	18-20	-	B2-4,D2, F1-3
Miss. #		STC	Master's	2	-	Major in Guidance (18)	-	A1,B4,C1, D1,E,G2
Missouri #		STC	Bachelor's	2	1	12	-	B4,C2,D1, F3
Montana #		STC	Bachelor's	1	1/2	12	-	B4,C1, D3,F1
Nebraska #	x	STC	Bachelor's	1	1	15	-	A1,B4,C1, F1,D3
Nevada #	x	STC	Bachelor's	1	-	12	-	B2,C1, D1,F3
N. H. #		STC	Master's	2	-	Major in Guidance (21)	-	A2,B2-3,E F2,G3
New Jersey #		STC	Bachelor's	3	-	15	-	B2-3-4, D1,G2
New Mexico #		STC	Bachelor's	1	-	15	-	Select fro E[6],A3,B3-4 D1,F1

Hours in Guidance	Supervised Guidance Experience	R E Q U I R E D AREA I Guidance, Counseling, & Testing	AREA II Psychology	AREA III Sociological Foundations	AREA IV Education	AREA V Others
18	-	B4,2 courses C1-3,D1,G2	-	-	-	-
12	-	A1,B4,C1, D2	-	-	-	-
-20	-	B2-4,D2, F1-3	3a	-	1	-
or in dance (18)	-	A1,B4,C1, D1,E,G2	-	-	-	-
12	-	B4,C2,D1, F3	-	-	-	-
12	-	B4,C1, D3,F1	-	-	-	-
15	-	A1,B4,C1, F1,D3	-	-	-	-
2	-	B2,C1, D1,F3	-	-	-	-
or in dance (21)	-	A2,B2-3,E F2,G3	-	1	-	-
15	-	B2-3-4, D1,G2	-	-	-	-
15	-	Select from E[6],A3,B3-4, D1,F1	-	-	1	-

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New York #		STC	Master's	2	1	Major in Guidance (18)	-	B3-4,C1, D3,F1-3	Major in Guidance
N. Carolina	x	STC	Master's	3	1	18	-	Select E plus 9 hours	18
N. Dakota		STC	Bachelor's	2	1	18	-	A1,B2,C1, D1,E,F2	18
Ohio		STC	Master's	2	1	Major in Guidance (18)	-	A1-2,B4,D1, E,F1	Major in Guidance
Okla.		STC	Master's	2	1	15	1 yr.	B4,D1,E, F2,G3	15
Oregon		STC	Bachelor's	2	-	18	-	A1,B4,D1, E,F2,G2	18
Pa. #		STC	Master's	2	-	18	-	A1,B4,D1	18
R. I. #		STC	Bachelor's	3	1	15	-	Select 9 hrs. D8	15
S. Carolina #		Grade A or B STC	Master's	2	-	15	-	A1,B4,D1, F1,G7	15
S. Dakota #		STC	Master in Guidance	1	-	Major in Guidance (21)	-	Select 9 hour Area IV 1; Ar A1,B4,C1,D1	Major i Guidanc
Tenn.		STC	Bachelor's	3	-	27 qtr.hrs.	-	A1,B3-4,C1, D2,E,F1	27 qtr.

Supervised Guidance Experience	R E Q U I R E D				
	AREA I	AREA II	AREA III	AREA IV	AREA V
	Guidance, Counseling, & Testing	Psychology	Sociological Foundations	Education	Others
(18) -	B3-4,C1, D3,F1-3	-	-	-	-
-	Select E plus 9 hours	6 hours	6 hours	6 hours	-
-	A1,B2,C1, D1,E,F2	-	-	-	-
(18) -	A1-2,B4,D1, E,F1	5	-	-	-
1 yr.	B4,D1,E, F2,G3	4-11	-	10	-
-	A1,B4,D1, E,F2,G2	-	2	1	-
-	A1,B4,D1	5	-	-	-
-	Select 9 hrs. D8	Select 6 hrs.	-	7	-
-	A1,B4,D1, F1,G7	-	-	-	-
(21) -	Select 9 hours to complete 21 from: Area I B3,E,G2; Area III 8; Area IV 1; Area V 2 A1,B4,C1,D1				
hrs. -	A1,B3-4,C1, D2,E,F1	3b	-	1	-

TE	Recommended or Optional	Type of Teaching Cert. Needed	Degree Required	Years Teaching Experience Needed	Years Work Experience Other than Education	Number of Credit Hours in Guidance	Supervised Guidance Experience	AREA I	AR
								Guidance, Counseling, & Testing	Ps
as #		STC	Bachelor's	3	-	Major in Guidance (30)	-	Select 21 hour required. A1-3,F1	
n #	x	STC[8]	Master in Guidance or Master's	2	-	36 qtr.hrs.	3 yrs.	Select from ones A1,B3,B4, C4,D1,E	3,
mont	x	STC	Bachelor's	-	1	15	2 yrs.	A1,B4,C1, D1,F1	-
ginia		STC	Bachelor's	1	-	15	-	A1,B4,D1, F1,G2	-
hington		STC	Bachelor's	1	-	-	-	Recommends Area I	
t Va. #	x	STC	Master's	2	-	Major in Guidance (24)	-	A1,B4,D2, E,F1,G5	13
consin #		STC	Master in Guidance	2	1	Major in Guidance (18)	2 yrs.	B3-4,C1,D1, E,F1	5
ning		STC	Master in Guidance[10]	2	1	Major in[11] Guidance (30)	-	-	-

Other than Education	Number of Credit Hours in Guidance	Supervised Guidance Experience	REQUIRED				
			AREA I	AREA II	AREA III	AREA IV	AREA V
			Guidance, Counseling, & Testing	Psychology	Sociological Foundations	Education	Others
Major in Guidance (30)	-		Select 21 hours from related areas to complete 30 hours required. A1-3,F1				
36 qtr.hrs.	3 yrs.		Select from ones listed A1,B3,B4, C4,D1,E	3,4,5,17,18	-	1	-
15	2 yrs.		A1,B4,C1, D1,F1	-	-	-	-
15	-		A1,B4,D1, F1,G2	-	-	-	-
-	-		Recommends Area I A1,B3-4,E,F1,G2; Area II 3a-13; Area IV 1[9].				
Major in Guidance (24)	-		A1,B4,D2, E,F1,G5	13	-	1	-
Major in Guidance (18)	2 yrs.		B3-4,C1,D1, E,F1	5	-	-	-
Major in[11] Guidance (30)	-		-	-	-	-	-

FOOTNOTE INDEX

- See Page 9 concerning electives.

1. State Teacher Certification

2. A major is interpreted as at least 18-20 hours.

3. California requires sixty semester hours of post-baccalaureate work; however, three years of full-time classroom teaching may substitute for half of these hours.

4. Illinois requires six hours in Area IA1.

5. Item 6a required for elementary counselors who have not taught in elementary school or have not had course in reading. Area V4 required for elementary counselors.

6. New Mexico requires Area IE.

7. Rhode Island requires a course in Rhode Island Education in addition to other hours listed.

8. Utah - State Teacher Certification or completion of a prior approved internship under the supervision of a professional counselor.

9. Washington - No specific course requirements listed.

10. Wyoming - Degree and work experience option - Master in an academic area complemented by sufficient course work in counselor education courses so as to be the equivalent of a Master in Guidance. One year of work experience or successful completion of a course in the Philosophy of Vocational Education.

11. Wyoming lists no specific course requirements but does list hours required.

COURSE INDEX

AREA I
Guidance, Counseling, and Testing

A. Diagnostic Tools
1. Analysis, Understanding, Appraisal, Study of the Individual
2. Group Appraisal
3. The Pupil Served

B. Methods and/or Techniques
1. Quantitative Methods of Counseling
2. Individual-Counseling, Methods; Personal Counseling
3. Group-Dynamics, Procedures, Guidance, Methods
4. Counseling-Techniques, Process, Theory & Procedures, Principles
5. Problems in Counseling
6. Interviewing Techniques
7. Career Counseling

C. Organization and Administration
1. Organization and Administration of-Guidance Services, Program
2. Administrative Relationships in Guidance
3. Organization Patterns
4. Organization of Pupil Personnel Services

D. Career Information
1. Educational and Occupational Information
2. Guidance Information; Information Services
3. Vocational Trade and Industrial Education
4. Vocational Development Theory
5. History and Principles of Vocational Education
6. College Counseling
7. Understanding Environmental Opportunities
8. Community Organizations, Agencies, Resources

E. Practicum

F. Basic Guidance Course
1. Guidance-Program; Theory; Philosophy; Principles and Practices
2. Overview of the Guidance Program
3. Pupil Personnel Services, Concepts and Procedures

G. Tests, Measurement and Evaluation
1. Psychology of Testing
2. Tests and Measurements
3. Techniques of Testing
4. Philosophy & Procedures in Group Testing; Group Process Measurement & Procedures

3. Group-Dynamics, Procedures, Guidance, Methods
4. Counseling-Techniques, Process, Theory & Procedures, Principles
5. Problems in Counseling
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5. Techiniques of Evaluation
6. Measurement Theory & Procedures
7. Educational Measurement
8. Apitude and Achievement Tests

AREA II
Psychology

1. (a) Pre-adolescent (b) Adolescent
2. Educational
3. Personality-Theory; Organization and Development; Psychology of
4. Learning-Nature of; Principles of; Psychology of; Theory
5. Human Growth and Development
6. Human-Relations and Psychology; Adjustment; Behavior
7. Counseling Psychology
8. Clinical Psychology
9. Psychology of Exceptional Children
10. Psychology of Motivation
11. Child and Adolescent Development
12. Child and Youth Study
13. Related Psychology
14. Individual Behavior-Dynamics of; Psychology of

15. Laws Relating to Children
16. General Psychology
17. Personality and Interests Inventories

AREA III
Sociological Foundations

1. Sociology, Economics, Anthropology
2. Educational Sociology
3. Urban Sociology
4. Social Problems, Juvenile Delinquency, Law, the Family
5. International Relations
6. Principles of Sociology
7. School in the Urban Setting
8. Social Case Work
9. Labor and Personnel Problems; Personnel Administration
10. Industrial Sociology

AREA IV
Education

1. Statistics and/or Research
2. Social Studies Education
3. Philosphy of Education
4. Principles and Methods of-Jr.,Sr. High School
5. History of Education
6. (a) Methods of Teaching Reading; (b) Foundations of Reading; (c) Diagnosis of Reading Difficulties
7. Rhode Island Education
8. Educational Theory
9. Educational Administration
10. Curriculum Construction

AREA V
Others

1. Audio and Visual Education
2. Mental Hygiene
3. Medical Education
4. Knowledge of Communication Media; Communications

Courses and/or Areas to Select Electives

State	# of Elective Hours	Area I	Area II	Area III
Alabama	12	B4-G2	4	X
District of Columbia	6			
Illinois	2			
Maryland	3	C4-E	3-4-14	
Massachusetts	12	B4-D1-F2-G2	X	
Michigan	18	B4, G2	X	9b
Minnesota	10-12	B4,D1,F1,G2	4-16	
Mississippi	3	X		
Missouri	18	X	X	
Montana	18	B4,G2-5	13	
Nebraska	18	A1-B4-F1-G2	16	6
Nevada	18	C1-D2-G2	16	6
New Hampshire	9			
New Jersey	9	D8	4C-9-11-12 (mim. 6hrs.)	2-3-4 (mim. 6hrs.)
New Mexico	3	X		
New York	12			
Pennsylvania	6	B3-C2-E-F1-G2		
Rhode Island	6		X	(Other than C
South Carolina	3-6	B3-C1-D8-E	13	1
South Dakota	6	A1-B3-E-G2		8
Texas	21			
Utah	19 qtr. hrs.			
West Virginia	6			
Wisconsin	3			

and/or Areas to Select Electives

ea I	Area II	Area III	Area IV	Area V	Resources Areas
-G2	4	X	3-4		
					X
					X
-E	3-4-14				
-D1-F2-G2	X		1-6	5	
, G2	X	9b	4-9-10		
,D1,F1,G2	4-16		1		
	X		4		
,G2-5	13		1-4-6		
-B4-F1-G2	16	6	4		
-D2-G2	16	6	1-4-6		
	4C-9-11-12 (mim. 6hrs.)	2-3-4 (mim. 6hrs.)			X
					X
-C2-E-F1-G2					
	X	(Other than General or Education)			
-C1-D8-E	13	1		2	
-B3-E-G2		8	1	2	
					X
					X
					X
					X

REQUIREMENT SUMMARY

*Read from left to right

	Required	Per cent	Not Required	Per cen
Recommendation Needed	14 states	27.5%	37 states	72.5%
	1 - 3 years			
Years Teaching Experience Needed	46 states	90.2%	5 states	9.8%
	1/2 - 2 years			
Other Work Experience Needed	21 states	41.2%	30 states	58.8%
	Bachelor's	Per cent	Master's	Per cen
Degree Required	18 states	35.3%	24 states	47.1%
	18 hours and up	Per cent	Below 18 hours	Per cen
Hours in Guidance Work	33 states	65.0%	17 states	33.0%

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r cent	Not Required	Per cent
5%	37 states	72.5%
2%	5 states	9.8%
2%	30 states	58.8%

cent	Master's	Per cent	Master in Guidance	Per cent
3%	24 states	47.1%	9 states	17.6%

cent	Below 18 hours	Per cent	No hours listed	Per cent
0%	17 states	33.0%	1 state	2.0%